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PRICE LIST
Garden and Farm
SEEDS

FROM
J. W. VANDIVER'S SONS,

(SUCCESSORS TO J. W. VANDIVER,)

Weaverville, Buncombe Co.,

North Carolina.

THE BUNCOMBE CABBAGE OUR SPECIALTY.

1894.

J. W. VANDIVER'S SONS, SEED MERCHANTS.

WEAVERVILLE, BUNCOMBE COUNTY, N. C.

THE BUNCOMBE CABBAGE A SPECIALTY.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR ORDERING SEEDS.

WE PAY POSTAGE on Seeds in small packages, but Seeds in bulk, sent by mail or by express, must be paid by person ordering. Add 8 cents per pound for postage on Seeds sent in bulk.

ABOUT REMITTING MONEY. Money for small amounts can be sent by Postal Note, or one and two-cent Postage Stamps. For amounts of One Dollar and over, it is best to send by Registered Letter or a Money Order, or where more convenient the Express companies send money safely and quickly. Always prepay charges when sending by Express.

OUR TERMS ARE CASH, and same must accompany order to receive attention.

MERCHANTS and others wanting Seeds to sell again can have a reduction of 30 per cent. on Seeds in packages on orders for \$3 or more. The price of the Buncombe Cabbage and other Seeds by the pound or more can be learned on application to us.

NOTE.

We wish to inform our patrons that we have no connection whatever with a person or persons operating under the name of Buncombe Seed Garden Co., Reems Creek, N. C. Last year this company must have sold a great many Collards and other Seeds for Cabbage. Many customers of theirs wrote letters to us stating the Cabbage Seed they bought came up Kale, and wanted us up send them good Seeds instead. Look out for them this year.

To Our Friends and Patrons.

WEAVERVILLE, N. C., January 1, 1894.

In presenting our Annual Price List for 1894, we take this opportunity of thanking our numerous friends and patrons scattered over this Sunny Southland for the kindly interest and encouragement, and for the material aid they have given our father before us, in building up and maintaining at great disadvantage in many ways a seed business in the South.

As a people, we are so given to sending away from home for everything that can be bought—and it happens sometimes that the distance from which we get things constitutes its chief worth. We forget that seeds as well as many other articles of home production can often be purchased at our own doors, as it were, just as cheaply as at a distance and we are just as likely, even more so, to get such articles that are better adapted to our uses than when brought from a distance.

This is true of Seeds as of anything. To give the best results the transition should not be too great; but Seeds brought from a moderate distance North of where they are to be planted, will, as a general thing, give the most satisfactory yield.

The year just passed, has been a year of disasters, and from every section has come the cry of "hard times;"—we too have had our share of adversity,—everyone has, and now let us hope and strive for the best.

The South is the grandest country in the world and with climatic and other advantages over almost anywhere, she will be quick to recuperate. Already the clouds are lifting and we believe the year just begun will be a year of happiness and prosperity.

Taking up, as we have, the thread of a new business, fallen from our tired father's hands, we hope that our mistakes may be dealt lightly with, and sending our greetings to his many friends, we hope to make them ours, and by fair dealings deserve a share of their patronage.

Yours very truly,

J. W. VANDIVER'S SONS.

SPECIALTIES.

The Buncombe Cabbage has achieved a deserved popularity. For the last forty years this variety has been known in South Carolina, especially, as a sure header, and a Cabbage that can generally be relied upon. The seeds have for a long while been considered the best that could be procured. Coming every year fresh from the healthful mountain section, they have seemed to have strength and vitality against the common enemies of the Cabbage. For a sure header try this Cabbage. They are the best for a main crop, to keep during winter, but they can be grown earlier by early planting. We cannot be responsible for any seeds except those bearing our name. (See NOTE on other side.)

Price per packet, 10c.

Vandiver's Hybrid Tomato.—Originated by our father some years ago, by crossing Large Red and some other variety. This Tomato is a little above medium size, color beautiful pink, shading to a deep red. It is smooth, meaty, free from too much seeds or core, and does not rot badly. It is not of the earliest, but good for a main crop.

Price per packet, 10c.

Princess Musk-melon.—This is one of the best varieties for market or home purposes. Color dark green and heavily netted. Weighs from five to eight pounds. Is very sweet, flesh salmon colored, shading to light green, and cavity very small. Ripens early.

Price per packet, 10c.

General List of Garden Seeds.

BEANS.

Culture.—Beans are extremely sensitive to frost, and should not be planted until all danger of same is past. Select a dry, sheltered spot, which is moderately rich and well dug up; make drills two inches deep and two feet apart, and plant Beans, two or three in a place. one foot apart; don't cover more than two inches deep. Hoe often, but only when leaves are dry. Plant at intervals for succession.

Price per packet., 10c., postage paid.

DWARF OR BUSH BEANS—

Early Six Weeks,
Large Bush Lima,
Mammoth Wax,
Early Mohawk,
Queen of the Garden.

POLE OR RUNNING BEANS—

Southern Prolific,
White Southern Crease Back or Fat Horse,
October,
Carolina Sewee or Small Lima.

BEETS.

Culture.—Select deep rich, but rather light, loamy soil, well manured previous year. For an early supply, sow in spring as soon as ground can be worked, in drills about one inch deep and eighteen inches apart. Select a dry, still time for sowing. Soaking seeds in tepid water twenty-four hours will make them germinate sooner.

Price, 5c. per packet.

Long Blood.

Early Red Turnip.

CABBAGE.

Culture.—Cabbage should not be planted on the same land from year to year, on account of club-foot

and other diseases. New ground, thoroughly plowed some months previous to planting and well manured, is the best for Cabbage. For early use, sow the seeds in the hot-beds in February or March. Transplant in the spring, as soon as ground can be worked, in rows two feet apart and eighteen inches in the row. The plants should be set almost to the first leaf. For late or main crop, they may be sown from June to September, or perhaps a better way, make the hills and plant them where they are to grow. Constant cultivation of the crop is essential to success.

Early York, per packet, 5c.

Early Jersey Wakefield, per packet, 5c.

BUNCOMBE, per packet, 10c.; 3 for 25c.

CARROTS.

Culture.—Sow in early spring, as soon as ground is in fair working condition, in drills about one foot apart. Cover seeds about half an inch deep. As soon as plants are up, thin out to about six inches. Keep surface in good fix by use of hoe. Carrot seed being slow to germinate, if soaked in tepid water and afterwards mixed with dry sand, will germinate more freely.

Danvers Half Long Scarlet.

COLLARDS.

A species of Cabbage very popular in the South. Sow late in May and cultivate about like Cabbage.

True Georgia, per packet, 5c.

CELERY.

Culture.—For early crop, sow in March in gentle hot-bed, and for main crop, in April in a warm, sheltered spot, and water carefully. Transplant as soon as plants will bear handling, cut off tops and plant out at intervals until the first of July. The soil should be very rich and deep, and plants placed in rows three feet apart and about eight inches in the row. Earth up the plants as they grow, but leave hearts uncovered until the final soiling.

Dwarf Golden Heart, 5c. per packet.

CORN.

SWEET CORN—

Extra Early Sweet, 5c. per packet.

FIELD CORN—

Main Crop, 5c. per packet.

Hickory King, 5c. per packet.

Miles, 5c. per package.

Any field corn sent
postage paid at 26c. per
pint or 35c. per quart.
Peck per express, 75c.; 1
bu., \$2. Express paid by
purchaser.

CUCUMBER.

Culture.—Cucumbers succeed best in warm, moist, deep soil. Should not be planted until danger of frost is past. Plant in hills about four feet apart each way. The hills should be previously made and good stable manure mixed with soil. Danger from insects past, thin out hills to three or four plants. The fruit should be plucked when ripe, whether needed for use or not.

Long Green,

Green Prolific,

Early Cluster,

Boston Pickling.

5c. per packet.

LETTUCE.

Culture.—For an early crop, sow under glass in February and transplant to a well prepared bed in April. In successional crops sow at intervals of about a fortnight until May. In the far South Lettuce may be sown almost every month in the year.

Ice Head,

Early Prize Head,

5c. per packet.

MUSTARD.

Culture.—For early salad, sow on a slight hot-bed in March; for general crop, at intervals through the spring, broadcast or in rows. The White Mustard Seed is also good for medicinal purposes. Price 5c. per packet.

Improved Curled,

Black or Brown.

White.

MELONS.

Culture.—A rich, deep, sandy loam, well worked and highly manured with old, rotten compost, is of first importance. Plant when all danger of frost is over, in hills five or six feet apart each way, a dozen seeds to hill; when out of danger from bugs thin out to two.

MUSK-MELON—

Emerald Gem, 5c. per packet.

Montreal Nutmeg, 5c. per packet.

Princess (see Specialties), 10c. per packet.

WATER-MELON—

Dixie,

Mountain Sweet,

Georgia Rattlesnake.

} 5c. per packet.

OKRA OR GUMBO.

Culture.—Plant late in the spring, after the ground has become warm, in hills about two feet apart, then plant to hills. Hoe often and earth up a hill to support the stems. Pods should be gathered while quite young and tender.

Dwarf Prolific, 5c. per packet.

ONIONS.

Culture.—The ground should be heavily dressed with rich, well rotted manure, trenched deeply and ridged up early in fall. The main crop should be sown as early as the ground is in good working condition; sow seed thinly.

Early Red Wethersfield,

Danvers,

Silver Skin,

} Price per packet, 5c.

PARSLEY.

Culture.—A rich and tolerably deep soil is best for this crop. Soak seeds a few hours in tepid water before planting. Sow early in spring, in hills a foot apart. Thin plants to three or four inches apart. Seeds germinate slowly and sometimes two or three weeks elapse before plants make their appearance.

Double Curled, very pretty leaves, 5c. per pkt.

PEAS.

Culture.—For an early crop, plant as soon as the ground can be worked, in a warm, dry situation, covering about three inches. Ground should have been manured previous season. Plant in double rows.

Extra Early,	}	Price per packet, 5c.
Tom Thumb,		
Bliss Ever Bearing,		

RADISH.

Culture.—The soil for radishes should be very rich, light and mellow, as the tender qualities of the roots depend upon their rapid growth. For early use, sow in gentle hot-beds in February, and in the open air, at intervals as long as they may be wanted.

Purple Top,	}	Price per packet, 5c.
Rosy Gem Globe.		

PUMPKIN.

Culture.—Plant in rich hills about eight feet apart, and work well until the vines begin to run.

Improved Field, price per packet, 5c.

PEPPER.

Culture.—Sow early in spring in a hot-bed. Transplant to open ground when weather is warm and settled, in rows sixteen inches apart.

Chinese,	}	Price per packet, 5c.
Lady's Finger,		

PARSNIP.

Culture.—Parsnips succeed best on rich, deep soil that has been previously manured. If manure is applied now, let it be well decomposed, or use guano. When plants are two or three inches high, thin out to about eight inches. The roots are hardy and are improved by leaving them in the ground through winter.

Improved Hollow Crown. Best for general use.
Price per packet, 5c.

SPINACH.

Culture.—For summer crop sow early in March, and at intervals of two weeks, until middle of July. The winter crop should be sown from the middle of August to the first of September. Spinach is the finest of all greens.

Perfection Curled, price per packet, 5c.

SQUASH.

Culture.—Being so tender and sensitive to cold, Squash Seed must not be planted until all danger of frost is past. The hills should be highly manured and prepared like those for Cucumbers, all sorts being thinned to about three in the hill.

Early Bush or Patty Pan, }
Yellow Summer Crookneck, } Price 5c. per pkt.

TOMATO.

Culture.—For early use, sow in February or March, in boxes or pots, and place near a window or in a hot-bed. When plants are about six inches high, and all danger of frost is past, plant out in a sheltered place where they may have full influence of the sun.

Mammoth, very large ; 5c. per packet.

Trapley, 5c. per packet.

Vandiver's Hybrid (see Specialties), packet, 10c.

Peach (look very much like a peach), pkt., 10c.

TURNIP.

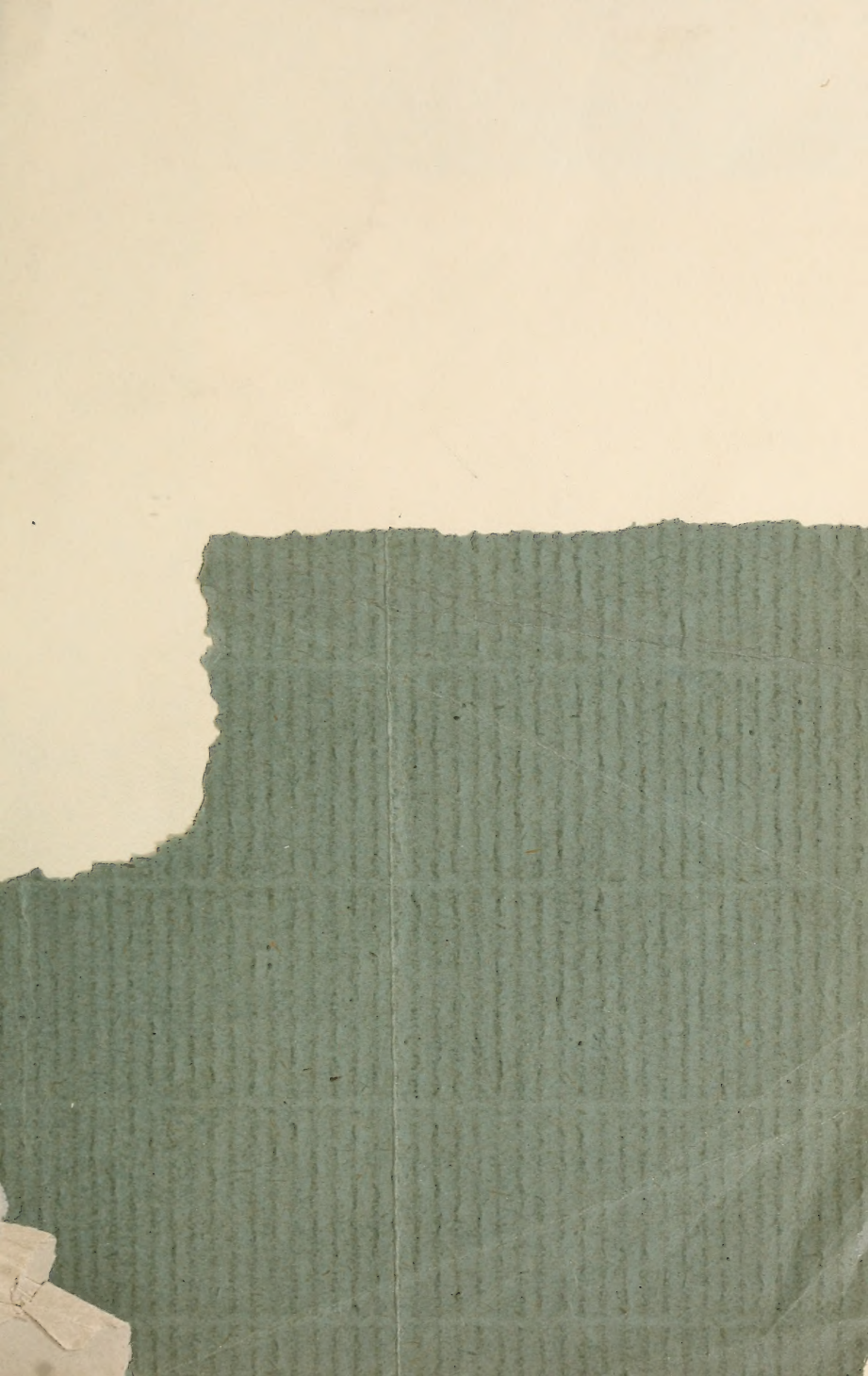
Culture.—Sow as soon as ground can be worked, either in drills or broadcast. The seed should be thin enough. They do best on rich land, but will come on moderately poor.

Flat Dutch, price per pint, 5c.

RUTA BAGA OR SWEDE.

Improved Purple Top Yellow, per packet, 5c.

NOTE.—Market gardeners and others wanting Seeds by ounce, one-half and pound, or by pint and quart, will please write for prices, or better still, send us the money and state just what you want, and we will fill orders to best advantage.



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